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NOON FORUMS

The **B A F** 's lunch time **FORUMS** at the **Johns Hopkins University's Downtown Center**, Charles and Fayette Streets, are held from **noon** until 1 pm, or shortly thereafter. They are **free**, and open to the public. The **FORUM** is a weekly informed presentation of current interest about Baltimore's built environment and its continued development. *Those attending are encouraged to bring friends, their lunch and pertinent discussion.*

April 5, Restoration of The Masonic Lodge:

Michael Murphy, AIA, partner in Murphy Dittenhafer, Architects, will lead a virtual tour of the restoration and adaptive reuse of the former ceremonial rooms in the 1866 temple as spectacular settings for the Tremont Plaza Grand Hotel Conference Center.

April 12, Baltimore City Master Plan:

Otis Rolley, Director, City Planning, will lead a discussion of the proposed Master Plan for Baltimore.

April 19, Branding at the Walters:

Gary Vikan, Executive Director of the Walters Art Museum, will discuss neighborhood, community and regional marketing strategies and programs.

April 26, Progress in Pigtown:

Jack Danna, Coordinator of Baltimore City Main Street program, will discuss developments in this well known neighborhood.

May 3, Baltimore in the Movies:

Hannah Byron, Director of Baltimore's Division of Film, TV and Video, will offer an inside view of Hollywood in Baltimore, its stars, their lives and foibles, and the production of the big reels in our "real" city.

May 10, Baltimore School of the Arts:

Diane Cho and Rima Namek, both architects in the firm Cho Benn Holback, will review their designs for the expansion and renovation of Baltimore's most successful citywide high school --the building, itself, an older adaptive reuse.

Sketchbook Architecture

B A F 's annual Spring art exhibit will open with a **First Thursday Reception, May 4th, 5:30 until 8 pm, A I A Baltimore Gallery**, at 11 ½ West Chase Street. Exceptional works will include en plein air studies, travel sketchbooks, and working journals by those engaged in the field of design. The show will be open until the end of June during AIA Baltimore's regular business hours, **Monday through Thursday, 9am-4:30 pm**. Confirmation is recommended by calling AIA Baltimore : 410-625-2585.

The exhibition will be open in the evening on **First Thursday, June 1st**, and a closing reception for **BAF** members and exhibitors is planned on **Sunday, June 25, 1 - 3:00 pm**.

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Local architects and artists gather on the last Saturday mornings of each month to sketch and paint en plein air, and to share in a lunch-time discussion. A welcoming demonstration will be on **June 24th, 9 - 12**. To receive notice of upcoming sessions, email **Jillian Storms** : Baltimore_enpleinair@comcast.net

May 17, The Charles Street Trolley proposal to connect the Inner Harbor with Johns Hopkins, Homewood, will be described by David Funk, Chair of the Trolley Committee for Charles Street Development Corporation, and consultant Ed Myers of Kittleson and Associates.

FORUM is supported by **Century Engineering** and **The Johns Hopkins University**.

Walking Tours

Mount Vernon Churches

Every Sunday 1:00 - 2:30 pm

according to the following schedule and continuing through the year

An astounding collection of churches that span the 19th century and reflect the architectural tastes of the fashionable congregations who built and still worship in Mt. Vernon Cultural District will be open on **Sunday afternoons throughout the year.**

Visiting among the churches is to be self-guided, and walking to enjoy the neighborhood is recommended as parking is ad hoc. Continuous tours will be conducted by docents from each congregation, and are **free**. Three churches will be open on each of the first three Sundays of each month:

First Sundays:

Old St. Paul's Church (open 12:30 - 2:00 pm)
 St. Alphonsus Church
 First Unitarian Church

Second Sundays:

St. Ignatius Church
 New Unity Church Ministries (open 2:00 - 2:30)
 Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church

Third Sundays:

Grace and St. Peter's Episcopal Church
 Emmanuel Episcopal Church
 First and Franklin Street Presbyterian Church

Beginning November 2006, Fourth Sunday:
 The Basilica of the Assumption, newly restored.

 Further information is available by calling
410-244-1030 or www.mvcd.org

AIA Baltimore Spring Lecture Series

A rite of Spring is once again celebrated by the Baltimore Chapter AIA Spring Lecture Series with a rostrum of engaged, contributing practitioners. The location is **M I C A Brown Center, Falvey Hall, 1300 Mt. Royal Avenue, 6 P M, Wednesday evenings.** A reception, and book signing as appropriate, will follow each lecture.

Series tickets \$40 / AIA, BAF Members \$35. Individual tickets at the door are \$13, Seniors \$8. Students with current I D, Free.

March 8th: *James Corner, ASLA*, Director, Field Operations, New York City, and Professor Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, University of Pennsylvania.

March 22nd: *Ray Huff, AIA*, Principal, Huff + Gooden Architects, Charleston, SC, and founding director, Clemson Architecture Center, Charleston.

April 5th: *Marlon Blackwell, AIA*, Marlon Blackwell, Architect, Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Professor, School of Architecture, University of Arkansas.

April 26th: *William Hudnut, III*, Mayor, Chevy Chase, Maryland, Board of the National League of Cities, and accomplished advocate of public-private partnerships.

CONFERENCES

Preservation Maryland's Annual Preservation and Revitalization Conference will convene in Annapolis on **May 18-19**. Information kharbeson@preservationmaryland.org or, 410-685-2886 x 302

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) 2006 National Conference July 27 - 30, in Baltimore at the Tremont Plaza Grand Hotel Conference Center, the former Masonic Lodge (see FORUMS, page 1). napc@uga.edu

BAF at the JHU

THE EVERGREEN SERIES

The **BAF** has been engaged by the Evergreen Society to present its Spring course of lectures which will focus on rediscovering Baltimore through its architecture. Past President and board member, **Charles Duff**, will open and close the series of illustrated essays by some who have rediscovered the City in particular ways and used it to serve new needs. Their unique perspectives promise in depth appreciation that is often overlooked. **BAF members are welcome.**

The series is on **Tuesday mornings, 10 - 12 am, Grace United Methodist Church, corner Charles Street and Northern Parkway.**

April 4: "The Best of Baltimore Architecture"; Charlie Duff

April 11: "Maryland, and the South, Come to Baltimore for Architectural Services"; Jim Wollon

April 18: "Architecture of the University of Maryland in Baltimore and the Urban Campus"; Cal Corell

April 25: "The Lafayette Avenue Cultural Corridor, Renaissance and Revival"; David Gleeson

May 2: "Palmer and Lamdin, Architects in one of the great ages of Baltimore Architecture"; Walter Schamu

May 9: "The Rediscovery of Baltimore Architecture and the Rediscovery of Baltimore"; Charles Duff

THE ODYSSEY

The Spring Odyssey, "**Straight Talk About Baltimore**", co-sponsored by **Urbanite**, is a course of eight lectures by guest lecturers noted for their visionary thinking, and their ability to speak frankly and authoritatively about our city. The Tuesday evening course at the Homewood campus began on March 7th and ends on April 25th. On April 18, **Charles Duff**, an urban planner by training and historian, addresses "**Catching the Wave, Building Livable Cities**".

BAF at the PEALE

The **BAF**, in corporation with The Baltimore City Historical Society and Baltimore Heritage, is seeking to update, restore and reopen the Peale Museum building for adaptive reuse as **Peale Museum Center for Baltimore History**. The BAF's office, archives and library collection will move to the center, as well as our partners and others of kindred interests.

A National Historic Landmark, and the first building in America to be designed and built as a public museum, later serving as City Hall and a *City Life Museum*, the Peale has been vacant and deteriorating for almost a decade.

Bond bill requests have been introduced in the State Legislature to assist with the restoration of the Peale, specifically to meet City Code and ADA requirements. **Romaine Somerville, Johns Hopkins** and BAF Executive Director, **Adam Blumenthal**, testified before the Senate and House budget committees in early March. Initial response has been encouraging. As of this writing, the Senate has agreed to provide \$125,000, and the House is in consideration.

BAF members are encouraged to help bring the Peale Museum back to life, by contacting their legislators, and others, in both houses in support of **Senate Bill 170** and **House Bill 511**.

GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY TOURS

Guided tours of historic Green Mount Cemetery will be held on Saturday, May 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 9:30 am, from the main gate at Greenmount Avenue and East Oliver Street. The two-hour tours are led by Baltimore historian and educator Wayne R. Schaumburg. The cost is \$10. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 410-256-2180, or by e-mail at wschaumburg@earthlink.net.

The Baltimore Architecture Foundation (BAF) is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization established in 1987 to promote an understanding of, and an appreciation for, Baltimore's built environment. Your tax-deductible contribution will help support educational outreach programs and lectures, historical research and publication, and many related ongoing activities.

Basic Annual Membership Levels:
 \$20 - Students and Seniors
 \$35 - Individual
 \$60 - Family or Classroom
 \$125 - Patron

For more information about membership or events and activities:

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CALENDAR

OF EVENTS RELATED TO B A F PROGRAMS
 for times and details, see articles in this KEYSTONE

- Sundays:** First three of every month: Mt. Vernon Church tours
- Saturdays in May:** Tour of Green Mount Cemetery
- Apr. 4:** Evergreen Class: Rediscovering Baltimore
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- May 17:** Spring FORUM: Charles St. Trolley, JHU Downtown
- May 18-** Preservation Maryland Conference: Annapolis
- June 1:** *Sketchbook Architecture*, AIA Gallery
- June 24:** *En Plein Air* Welcome and Demonstration
- June 25:** BAF and exhibitors reception: AIA Gallery

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